

Mike Sertic

helping people become better self-governors.

Bio

Mike Sertic is the President of the Advocates for Self-Government, the national nonprofit behind the World's Smallest Political Quiz — taken by over 30 million people. He is also the creator of Political DNA, a next-generation political assessment that maps individuals across 32 distinct archetypes. His career spans political education, organizational design, and tool-building, all oriented around a single conviction: that self-governance is a practice, and the right tools can help anyone get better at it. Previously, Mike was part of the early executive team at Students For Liberty and worked at the Self-Management Institute at Morning Star Company, studying how thousands of people coordinate complex work through voluntary agreements rather than top-down authority.

Current Roles

President, Advocates for Self-Government — Leads strategy, fundraising, operations, and program development for the 40-year-old nonprofit that created the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

Creator, Political DNA — Designed and built a next-generation political assessment platform that maps people across 32 archetypes, giving them deeper self-understanding for more intentional political engagement.

Speaking Topics

Beyond Left & Right

You can't govern yourself politically if you don't know where you actually stand. Why the two-party map fails most Americans — and how better tools for self-understanding change the way people engage.

Self-Governance in Practice

Lessons from Morning Star and other non-hierarchical organizations on what self-governance looks like as a daily operational skill — not a theory, but a set of habits and structures people actually use.

The Self-Governance Curriculum

How to equip people — especially young people — with frameworks for political self-understanding, and why tools like the Quiz succeed where traditional partisan education fails.

Tools for Self-Governors

What a decade-plus of building political education tools has taught about designing resources that help people think and act for themselves.

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